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Terms of Reference

ST Ecosystem Science Program Review

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ToR 1: Goals and Objectives

Does ST have clear goals and objectives for its ecosystem-related programs?

Are ST ecosystem programs appropriate to advance ecosystem science and management for NMFS?

ToR 2: Integration with Relevant Programs

Are ST ecosystem-related science programs appropriately integrated with other relevant programs?

Is ST adequately collaborating with NMFS Science Centers and other relevant offices and programs across NOAA?

ToR 3: Addressing Near-term Priorities

Do ST's ecosystem-related science programs provide information to address the priority needs of the Science Centers, NOAA managers, Fishery Management Councils and Commissions, and other partners for ecosystem-related information?

ToR 4: Addressing Longer-term Priorities

Is the suite of ST ecosystem-related science programs appropriate to address the priority needs of the Science Centers, NOAA managers, Fishery Management Councils and Commissions, and other partners for ecosystem-related information over the next 5-10 years?

ToR 5: Communicate Status & Accomplishments

Does ST appropriately communicate status and accomplishments of national ecosystem-based science programs to NMFS partners, stakeholders, the public, and NOAA and NMFS leadership?